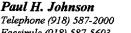
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Enclosed please find a conversion utility patent application on the above, and the following documents:

- 1. Declaration and Power of Attorney for David O. Chenault
- 2. Applicant does claim claim small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.
- 3. One copy of drawings (7 sheets)
- 4. Form PTO-1449 and copies of cited references
- 5. Request and Certification to Not Publish
- 6. Fee Transmittal Form (in duplicate)

The application contains 18 claims with 3 independent claims.

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